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City Council Reviews Plans, Funds for Capital Projects

by Matthew Arbach

On July 27, a Greenbelt City Council worksession focused on capital projects, many of which have been deferred due to the pandemic. There was also a debate about the refinancing of two bonds with the aid of Davenport & Company, the city's financial consultant, represented at the meeting by First Vice President Jennifer Dierksen and Senior Vice President Joseph Mason.

The city response to COVID-19 commenced the meeting, centering on Roosevelt Center businesses, specifically the New Deal Café (NDC) and DC Vegan

(DCV), both of whom are developing outdoor seating. According to Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby, both have the necessary county and city approvals and are "greenlit to go when ready."

On July 17, the city signed a memorandum of understanding with NDC and DCV stipulating a 2-foot extension limit from the respective businesses onto city property, complete maintenance of outdoor dining area by businesses, alcohol use only on business property and an adherence to federal, county and city safety

precautions among other legal procedures.

Projects

Director of Public Works Jim Sterling laid out current and ongoing capital projects. Construction has been completed at the dam at the Lake, including the installation of weeps in the spillway and the repairing of cracks; removal of sediment erosion is next. Sterling told council that water quality will gradually improve once the forebays and adjoining streams are restored.

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From left, County Council Vice-Chair Calvin Hawkins, City Councilmember Emmett Jordan, Mayor Colin Byrd, City Councilmember Judith Davis and County Council Chair Todd Turner help distribute pre-packaged meals at the District 4 Senior Grab-and-Go. The event was organized by the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's County Department of Family Services.

Creative Kids Camp's Positive Energy Makes for Fun, Success

by Stephan Brodd

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

As summer neared it became clear that the pandemic would preclude holding Greenbelt Recreation's traditional in-person day camps. A creative response was needed – and fast. Fortunately, creativity is what Creative Kids Camp is all about, and the camp's motto, Unlimited Positive Energy, was precisely what was needed to create an enchanting camp experience, delivered directly to participants' homes.

In consultation with parents, camp planners crafted a winning format. The ingredients for this recipe are: an activity bag, chock-full of art supplies and project templates, which are keyed to custom-made instructional videos and activity sheets created by the camp staff.

Every morning, parents receive an email containing links to the day's videos and activity sheets, which cover music,



PHOTO BY AIDAN LARKIN

City cameraman Scott Crawford films camper Iris Gaycken at the underpass near the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road.

dance, puppetry and visual art, along with occasional specialty videos such as making cold-pack pickles. The videos are brief

and engaging, designed to teach the campers an activity they can do for an extended time off-line, away from the screen.

"Our objective was to create a format that both maximized off-screen engagement time for

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What Will Maryland's 2020 General Election Look Like?

by Kathleen Gallagher

Everyone has been wondering when we'll have more information about the November 3 General Election. A couple of days ago, it turned out that Governor Larry Hogan had been wondering about that, too. He sent a letter to the State Board of Elections giving them two days to explain how they will carry out the orders he has given for conducting the election, many of which have raised criticisms suggesting that aspects of the governor's plan will be impossible to carry out.

The central components of the Hogan plan include having all Maryland precincts open for in-person voting, instead of having only a limited number open, as with the primary election, with encouragement to vote by mail; sending out applications for voters to submit to request mail ballots, rather than simply sending ballots to all registered voters as was done for the primary; and all the usual opportunities for

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What Goes On

Monday, August 10 8 p.m. City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 12 8 p.m. Council Worksession: Greenbelt Station Residents
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Maglev Snubs Local Officials; Changes Threaten Forest

by Donna Hoffmeister

Local elected officials – the District 22 State Delegation, Prince George's County Council and the Greenbelt City Council – have made known their opposition to the construction of the high-speed maglev train. Thus, it was disconcerting for them that they were not informed of Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail's (BWRR) meeting via Zoom on July 20 about National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance. Councilmember Judith Davis believes these public officials, who are a Party of Record, should have been involved. College Park City Planner Miriam D. H. Bader and Eldon Ralph, GHI general manager, were invited as maglev NHPA consulting parties. Terri Hruby, director of planning for the City of Greenbelt, was not aware of the meeting but will attempt now to have the NHPA presentation at a city council worksession.

Fortunately, some Greenbelters, who were not invited, learned of the meeting by chance minutes before it started and were able to share the meeting materials afterwards. As it is, 16 of the 23 NHPA slides are the same as those BWRR used

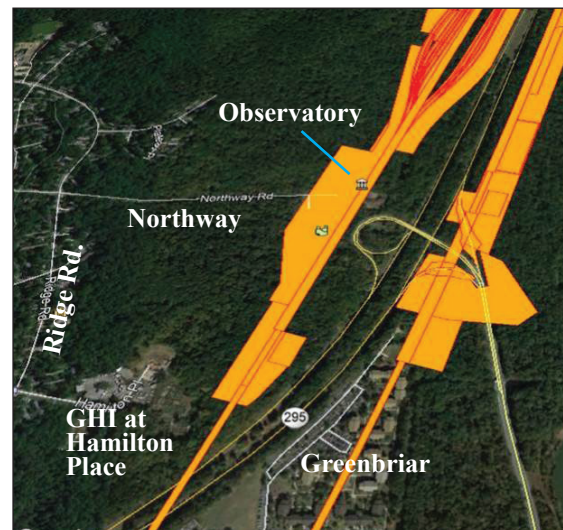
for the June 23 Maglev Inter-agency Review Meeting, about the preliminary engineering plans presented to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) team (see p. 1 article in July 9, 2020 issue of the News Review). Both the NHPA and the EIS impact Greenbelt, yet Greenbelt was not considered a consulting party.

Design Changes

The information unveiled on June 23 changes where the aboveground viaduct, which can be 140 feet tall, emerges from the tunnel to the Hamilton Woods, in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve to the east of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. office on Hamilton Place (Alignment J1), or somewhat north of Goddard Space Flight Center (Alignment J). The EIS now shows an "open cut" rather than a "cut and cover" for the tunnel opening. Where the tunneling stops and an open trench is excavated, an open cut would leave the trench 1000 feet or longer open to the sky, instead of constructing tunnel walls at the base of the trench and backfilling soil over the tunnel walls. Two possible sites for a train yard (train maintenance facility (TMF)),

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This map shows the most recently proposed maglev paths. The path alignments come out of the ground and are very close to the North Woods area, running directly on top of the Observatory and Northway Fields.



MAP BY BRIAN ALMQUIST/B-W MAGLEV

Letters to the Editor

Saluting People Who Formed GIVES

Thank you for writing an article in the July 23 News Review celebrating GIVES and the much-needed services its volunteers have provided the citizens of Greenbelt for 25 years. I was honored to play a small part in the creation of GIVES, but those who need to be truly commended are not only Janet Jacobs-Parker and Pat Unger, but also Project Design Committee members Leah Warner, Norman McCarthy and Karen Haseley, city liaison. Pat Unger, as convener, brought the initial ideas from the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and powered the group with her energy and organizational skills.

Jean Cook must also be commended who, as chair of GIVES later on for so many years, kept the flame of service burning brightly.

Greenbelt owes a great deal to the Project Design Committee along with all the members and officers of GIVES who have volunteered countless hours of service. Here's to many years more!

Judith "J" Davis

Cartoon Kudos

I want to compliment the cartoon by Peter Reppert which appeared in your issue of July 30, 2020. I thoroughly enjoyed his drawings of "Architects' Inspirations for" the shape of some local buildings. How fun!

His representation of the Federal Courthouse as a wedding cake was ingenious! Picturing the three parallel Capital Office Park buildings along the beltway as three dominos was spot on. The comparison of the Buzzuto Building as a soft cooler with water bottles in attached holders seems accurate. The "Cooler Building?"

His characterization of the Crowne Plaza as Newark may not be as fair, but it was a good first try. I will give that one some thought. Now, I will always think of these objects when I pass the buildings.

I know of some other nicknames for two buildings in the New Carrollton Metro Triangle that are visible from some viewpoints when driving through the

intersection of I-495/I-95 and US 50.

The tall black office building in the northwest corner of the intersection is called the "Darth Vader Building." The somewhat shorter building next door to the west is called the "Paperclip Building," for what you will see as obvious reasons.

There is a building along the north side of the beltway, east of New Hampshire Avenue, that I call the "Coffee Grinder Building." Anyone see that resemblance? This is a fun game and I'd like to see more of these whimsical "architecturally related" drawings. Good job, Peter!

Bill Wilkerson

Rail Line vs. On Line

"Our inventions are wont to be pretty toys, which distract our attention from serious things. They are but improved means to an unimproved end, an end which it was already but too easy to arrive at; as railroads lead to Boston or New York."

"We do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us."

Henry David Thoreau
(Walden, 1854)

Maybe some of you were like me and hoped the maglev project would quietly go away during the pandemic. It didn't. I wonder what Thoreau, with his uncannily prescient quotes, would make of the proposed high-speed train zipping from D.C. to NYC in an hour, blasting through Greenbelt – not stopping, natch – on its merry way? I expect he'd consider it frivolous and unnecessary, serving the few at the expense of the many.

I could argue that well-heeled business people and others with the means to take pricey rides already have plenty of other options and that the notion the new train will take pressure off the overburdened Northeast corridor is misleading, but I'm not sure those are the best arguments now. No, I think that the pandemic has shown that the majority of business, and communication generally, can be conducted online and that is far more relevant to the future than is a misguided high-speed train.

Colette Zanin

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The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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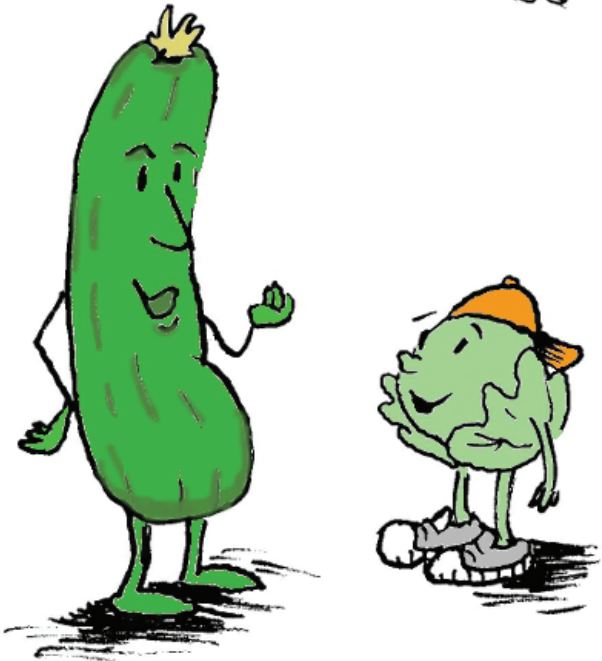
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Pete Reppert



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A camouflaged leafhopper sips from a blackberry cane.

Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library curbside service hours: Tuesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. (by appointment only).

The archival video of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's interview with Dr. Charlene M. Dukes on How to Be an Antiracist is available for on-demand viewing at pgcmlls.info/anti-racism until Thursday, August 20. Kendi is a leading voice in combating systemic racism in the U.S. and around the world.

The Library is currently in Phase 1 of reopening. The building will remain closed to the public, but curbside service is provided for up to 25 held items per vehicle per visit by scheduled appointment only. Hold requests can be placed via the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) catalog (catalog.pgcmlls.info/polaris) or the new telephone reference service at 240-455-5451. Individual branch phone numbers are not available. Upon notification of item(s) availability, customers may book appointments for pickup through the PGCMLS website (pgcmlls.info) or the telephone reference service.

The Library has six curbside pickup spaces for use in the parking lot by the lower level entrance. To ensure the health and safety of everyone, items are placed in vehicle trunks (or back seats) in as much of a contact-free manner as possible. Pickup by those arriving on foot or by bicycle is allowed, if indicated when scheduling a pickup time.

Books must be returned to the book drop located to the right of the lower entrance door. Any items checked out prior to the closure currently have an extended due date of September 1. Returned items will be checked-in after a newly lengthened 96-hour quarantine period. To avoid potential contamination of materials, staff may not accept returns by hand.

Further information is available on the PGCMLS website at pgcmlls.info/reopening.

The library is now fine-free: all existing overdue fines have been waived. This policy is to ensure that all Prince Georgians have equal access to the library's resources and services.

Summer Reading

PGCMLS started curbside pickup for its Summer at Your Library (S@YL) prizes on Tuesday, August 4. The prizes are awarded to S@YL participants of all ages who earned 20 points or higher. The first 250 teens to pick up a prize pack will also be eligible to receive a free copy of Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix, the national bestselling book by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

Customers can schedule a prize pickup at pgcmlls.info/curbside. Prizes for multiple household members may be retrieved during a single curbside appointment. Customers with questions are invited to call PGCMLS Ask a Librarian at 240-455-5451 or askalibrarian@pgcmlls.info with questions. Library staff are available by phone Tuesdays 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

Next Virtual Tea Is Thursday, August 13

The Greenbelt Virtual Community Tea now meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next tea will be on Thursday, August 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

These teas are strictly social, no "agenda." Sometimes tea-goers discuss serious topics (COVID, Black Lives Matter), other times lighter topics (favorite Netflix, where to get take-out food). To access the zoom link, visit facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events/.

Buddhism 101

Greenbelt Unplugged continues its monthly Mindfulness series over Zoom with special guest Lance David Bergeson, director and senior lay instructor at Drikung Dharma Surya Buddhist Center in Fairfax. Bergeson will give an introduction to meditation and mindfulness as practiced in Buddhism, followed by a 20-minute group meditation. The Zoom session will go from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 9.

More information is available on greenbeltunplugged.org. For a link to the Zoom session, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month (next will be August 17) and their regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modelled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit their D.C. region website at oa-dcmetro.org.

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Zoom on COVID-19 Effects on Seniors

Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) and Helping Hands University Park (HHUP) are co-hosting a discussion of COVID-19 and how it affects seniors on Saturday, August 8. Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio, a geriatrician who has practiced in the Greenbelt area for decades, will look at the risks of COVID-19 for seniors and provide the latest information on the virus. There will be time for questions and answers during the meeting. This is a Zoom conference that can be accessed by telephone or online. The session will open at 1:30 p.m. for chatting or help with the program starting at 2 p.m.

Preregister for the session by Friday, August 7 at 5 p.m. To register, call 301-887-3101 (HAP office) or 301-892-6636 (HHUP office), or visit hyattsvilleaginginplace.org/event and follow the link to Zoom registration.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's summer programs are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, summer camps, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

Meals on Wheels Launches GoFundMe

Meals on Wheels of College Park provides those in need in Prince George's County, including Greenbelt, with a food delivery service. Since the pandemic began, they have nearly doubled their client base, straining their resources. The organization is now seeking community support in order to expand.

Meals on Wheels of College Park has launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$500,000 to support the purchase of new kitchen appliances and supplies to feed those affected by COVID-19. Learn more or contribute at charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/fund-us-to-feed-them.



This social distancing sign found at Piscataway National Park in Accokeek, MD, provides a handy rule-of-thumb for keeping your distance.

Phenomenal Womxn Festival Is Online Saturday, August 8

The Phenomenal Womxn Festival is a chance to learn, grow and leave each experience feeling empowered. Come to one event or stay all day at this virtual festival, which is co-sponsored by the New Deal Café. Workshops include Self-Care through Music, Making Writer's Block a Myth, Multimedia Art: Altered Book Project and 3 Ways to Transform Rage into Compassion. There will be music performances by Chloe Antulov and Alicia Waller & the Excursion. See ad on page 6 for a complete schedule.

Phenomenal Womxn is a non-profit organization that amplifies womxn's voices and helps young womxn find that voice. Founded by University of Maryland alumnae Caitlin Gompf and Hayley Tevelow, Phenomenal Womxn began as a response to the oppression of female/femme voices they had personally experienced and witnessed. While individuals

can make change, Phenomenal Womxn has already begun to forge a community of talented, diverse womxn that can make an even greater positive impact.

In 2018, they hosted a concert to raise money for the DC Rape Crisis Center, and raised over \$2,400. That's no small change, but now they're thinking bigger. Half of all proceeds from the Phenomenal Womxn Festival will be donated to My Sister's Place, whose mission is to end domestic violence and empower everyone to build healthy lives and relationships.

Donate now or on the day of the festival on their GoFundMe page, gofundme.com/f/phenomenal-womxn-festival. While this amazing festival is free to attend, a donation per attendee is suggested. RSVP at phenomenalwomxn.org/events to get access to this amazing all-day experience.

Ignore BitDefender's GNR Out-of-date Website Warning

by Tom Jones

The Greenbelt News Review (GNR) website was hacked in 2018 and for several weeks hosted malware put there without our consent or knowledge. It was fully cleaned immediately after we became aware of the problem, and we purchased additional ongoing security services to keep it safe. We now scan our site continuously and, since that initial incident and update, these scans have verified that the site is not a danger to our readers.

BitDefender, however, alone among anti-virus software providers, seems to have the News Review on a permanent blacklist as a result of the 2018 situation.

We have twice submitted to BitDefender asking them to either take us off the list or to identify any specific infection they claim we have. They've never replied.

To the best of our knowledge, therefore, and to the apparent satisfaction of the other virus-detection services, our site is safe. We encourage readers to continue to consult greenbeltnewsreview.com for the newest issue, which is usually available Wednesday evening by around 8 p.m., and for access to our archives and to information on volunteering at the paper and on our very competitive advertising rates.

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Obituaries

Daniel Dambrauskas



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Daniel Ralph Dambrauskas died in his home of natural causes on July 29, 2020. He was 91.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., on October 24, 1928, Dan was the youngest of five boys. He had the proud distinction of having four brothers serve in four branches of the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II; two were killed in action. Dan served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean War, from 1951 to 1953.

By the age of 9, Dan had lost both parents to illness. His grandmother and one of his brothers, Ray (who was then 17) cared for him for four years. From the age of 13 to 15, Dan lived at a Catholic orphanage (St. Michael's) in Hoban Heights, Penn. In 1944, after learning that Ray had been killed in the war, Dan moved to Beltsville to live with his oldest brother, Alphonse; his wife, Rita; and their growing family.

Dan graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1947. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Strayer's College of Accountancy in 1956. Dan spent most of his career in public service. He retired in 1987 as an assistant inspector general after 28 years with the Washington, D.C., government.

In June 1953, he married Lillian Mae Dennis of Elkridge, Md. They bought their first of three homes in Old Greenbelt a year later. They were members of pinball bowling leagues for decades and active in St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church and school as their children grew up. All three children attended St. Hugh's School.

Devoted to his family and his community, Dan was generous with his talents and time. Many Greenbelt residents knew him as one of the top callers at St. Hugh's weekly bingo nights dur-

ing the 1970s and 1980s. He established and managed bingo and other fundraising activities with other Greenbelt residents. Over the years, he helped raise more than \$100,000 for the church. He was also active in the Lions Club for several years.

Dan formed many long-lasting friendships in the area. As an adult, he played golf and billiards, and he bowled until the age of 87. He loved reading and history, dancing and comedy. He had a joke for nearly any occasion.

Dan was also proud of his Lithuanian heritage. His father, Charles, emigrated to the United States in 1915; his maternal grandparents were also immigrants. In 2005, Dan, Lillian and their daughter Susan toured the country with a namesake native family with whom Dan maintained a long-distance friendship for nearly 20 years.

In November 2018, Dan's family and friends celebrated his 90th birthday at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center. Several Greenbelt residents attended, sharing stories, jokes and humorous limericks at the request of Dan's family. Lillian and their children thank especially Ed and Jean Cook, Jay Karch, Shirley Pray and Lynda Varda for being part of this special occasion.

Dan was committed to living a healthy lifestyle – eating well and exercising, even after his health began failing in 2015. He was proud of his longevity, insisting on celebrating his half-birthdays over the past few years. He often said humor was the key to his longevity.

Dan is survived by his wife Lillian; son Raymond (Louise); daughter Donna Iriarte (Gabriel) and grandson Mikhail Iriarte; daughter Susan; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Alphonse, Raymond, Charles and Robert.

The family plans to hold a celebration of life at a later date. Those wanting to make memorial contributions are asked to consider donating to the American Legion or the Hospice of the Chesapeake.



Off the Canyon Creek trail, a bedewed morning suncatcher lies in wait for flying insects.



City Notes

Street Maintenance, Special Details and Horticulture/Parks beautified the Greenbelt Cemetery and prepared a gravesite. Building Maintenance installed counters at the Police Station.

A dog was left on a balcony in the heat; Animal Control responded with safety guidance. Two dogs were adopted.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.72 tons of refuse and 13.03 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental staff facilitated an Eagle Scout project.

At Braden Field, tennis courts are open by appointment, archery classes are underway and Moonlit Movies begin August 7. The Aquatic & Fitness Center's limited opening drew 133 reservations in 24 hours.

Youth Programs staff remained busy with virtual summer camps including Camp Encore's Shakespeare-inspired Zoom. Arts staff contributed art content and Therapeutic Recreation helped distribute activity kits to Schrom Hills.

GAIL coordinated the District 4 Senior Grab-and-Go Meal Distribution.

Therapeutic Recreation distributed frozen meals and puzzles for 39 seniors.

While patrolling in the heat, Park Rangers spotted a wood duck family at Buddy Attick Park.



We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Daniel Dambrauskas who died on July 29.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

- Briefing/Update on the status of reopening of City Facilities
- Dog Park Reopening

Committee Reports

- * Community Relations Advisory Board Report 2020-02 (20-minute Community Clean Up)
- * Forest Preserve Advisory Board - Report #2020-4 (FPAB's Public Walkthrough of the Community Gardens at Hamilton Place and Gardenway)
- * Advisory Planning Board Report #2020-03: Cherrywood Lane Complete and Green Street Project Phase 2 (30% design)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- Refinancing of Refunding Bond of 2011 and Taxable General Obligation Pension Refunding Bond of 2013
- AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO BORROW NOT MORE THAN FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,125,000) FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S REFUNDING BOND OF 2011 AND THE CITY'S TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION PENSION REFUNDING BOND OF 2013 AND TO EFFECT SUCH BORROWING BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE, UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN LIKE PAR AMOUNT PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 19-207 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 55 OF THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF THE BONDS. 2nd Reading, Adoption
- AN ORDINANCE TO AWARD THE ISSUE OF UP TO \$4,125,000 CITY OF GREENBELT REFUNDING BONDS OF 2020 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, MATURITY, INTEREST RATE AND PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT AND REDEMPTION OF SAID BONDS; CONFIRMING THE COVENANTS OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE MATURING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY, AND ALL OTHER DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS.
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Draft Greenbelt Neighborhood Overlay Zone
- Briefing on the I-495 Highway Expansion Project's Environmental Impact Statement
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Master Plan Scoping Comments
- Maglev Update
- Proposed Pepco Vegetation Management Plan
- Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020
- Coronavirus Testing -- Public Safety Employees
- Submission of MML 2021 Legislative Action Requests
- Evictions
- Resilience Financing for Maryland Local Governments
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Contribution and Recognition Groups
- * Submission of FY 2022 Community Parks & Playground (CPP) Application
- * CARES ACT Activities
- * Greenbelt Business Improvement and Recovery Fund
- * City Facility Access Control Projects
- * Housing/Food/Utility Relief
- * Phase III - Park Acceptance Greenbelt Station
- * Reappointments to Advisory Boards

MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov

In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov

CENSUS TAKERS TO START FOLLOW UP IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Census Bureau announced that it will begin following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census on July 30, 2020.

Health and Safety: Census takers are trained to wear a mask while conducting their work and will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit.

Identifying a Census Taker:

- Households can identify the census takers by their:
- ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date
 - A Census Bureau-issued phone

Self Respond: Households can still self-respond online, by phone or by mail!

To respond online: <https://my2020census.gov>

To respond by phone: 844-330-2020



GREENBELT COUNTS 2020 Census Project
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VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 10-14

Monday, August 10 at 5:30pm YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, continuing discussion with George Matthews; Voter Registration and Advisory Committee Liaison Reports

Monday, August 10 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Virtual meetings will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, August 12 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Greenbelt Station Residents. Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, August 13 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD, On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Review/Discussion of Previous CRAB Reports on Police-Community Issues. This agenda is subject to change.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltnmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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APPLY TO BE A GRANT APPLICATION REVIEWER

The City of Greenbelt is gearing up to launch the Greenbelt Improvement and Recovery Fund and we are in search of grant application reviewers. The \$300,000 grant fund is being created to provide relief and recovery assistance to support small businesses as well as organizations that continue to be impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. We are looking for reviewers to evaluate and make recommendations of grant recipients so that we ensure the process for receiving funds is fair and equitable. We also want to make sure that we have a mix of residents, businesses and organizations within the Greenbelt community. Ideally, we would like to have 1 or 2 of the reviewers to have experience with reviewing business financial documents. To volunteer, please fill out the brief questionnaire for consideration here by Friday, August 14th, 2020 at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/grantapplicationreviewer by Friday, August 14.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot Reconstruction Project
City of Greenbelt Contract No. 2020-06-R

The City of Greenbelt will accept proposals from qualified contractors for the Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot Reconstruction Project until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020. The project involves the reconstruction/ greening of an existing parking facility and includes the incorporation of walkways and storm water best management practices The RFP package may be obtained electronically at http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/planning_code starting Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Please check this site frequently for project updates and/or changes to the Contract. A pre-RFP meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 on August 20, 2020 at 10:00am. Anyone needing additional information may contact Terri Hruby at the City's Department of Planning and Community Development at (240) 542-2041 or at thruby@greenbeltnmd.gov.

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the campers and empowered the parents to schedule camp activities and viewing time to suit their family’s schedule,” said camp coordinator Chris Cherry. “Based on the positive responses we have received, the format has definitely been a success.”

The camp provides opportunities for interaction as well, via half-hour Zoom sessions three times per week, during which campers engage in small groups with teachers, their camp counselors and each other. “Many elementary school children were overwhelmed by the frequency, length and sheer number of participants in the Zoom sessions they experienced when the schools had to pivot suddenly to online learning this spring,” Cherry noted. “Parents helped steer us toward smaller, less frequent and shorter Zoom sessions for camps for this age group.”

One popular interaction opportunity is the camp’s Tales-2-Tails program, in which campers can sign up for one-on-one Zoom sessions to read aloud to a camp staffer’s dog. Modelled on the successful Read To Rover program hosted on-site by the Library, this virtual version connects young readers to a furry listener and an encouraging staffer.

“In addition to providing fun social interaction and good reading practice, we hope that the Tales-2-Tails sessions, along with the camper group Zooms, will help our campers return to virtual learning this fall with a greater degree of confidence and comfort with online platforms,” said Cherry.

Creative Kids Camp is known for its summer shows, and unlimited positive energy helped devise a way to create charming group performances by combining the campers’ individual efforts, recorded in their respective homes. Parents have served as camera operators and sound engineers, recording their campers’ song and dance performances and forwarding the solo videos to the Batni brothers, Ananth and Shesh, who have mixed and edited them into

fully-fledged group music videos. The camp has produced a music video each week.

The theme of the music videos is Memory Quest in Central Park, with the campers making a virtual visit to a new attraction in the park every week. Coached by music teachers Ananth Batni and Amanda Ferguson, along with dance teacher Elta Goldstein, the campers have sung and danced about fun park destinations such as Belvedere Castle, the sailboat pond and the carousel.

The music videos feature the campers’ visual artwork as well. Art teacher Amanda Larsen uses photos embellished by the campers to create animation sequences that are incorporated into several of the videos. In other videos, the campers wear costume items they have made or play home-made instruments.

Story making is another popular activity, including puppetry with handmade puppets. Story Alive teachers Eva McNabb and Adam Campanile have helped the campers craft stories, puppets, backdrops and sets, so that campers can present their own puppet plays for each other via Zoom.

In keeping with the Memory Quest theme, campers in Session Three participated in a sequential outdoor project, recreating a film shoot from the documentary The City. The Greenbelt segments of the famous documentary were filmed in August 1938, featuring residents of the town, including many children. Last week, Creative Kids Camp families signed up for half-hour appointments so that campers could ride their bikes through the underpass next to the Greenbelt Museum’s historic house, while the cameras rolled.

“Seeing the new images juxtaposed with the images from 1938, all accompanied by the music Aaron Copland composed specifically for Greenbelt, reminds us that Greenbelt itself was a creative response to a national crisis,” Cherry said. “That creative spirit, energy, drive and commitment to community so-



Camper Skylar Leisnham, right, reads aloud to Gretchen the Newfoundland, as staffer Sophie Bernheisel listens.

- Photos Courtesy Creative Kids Camp



Campers embellish this photo of the Bethesda Fountain to create frames for an animation sequence. The fountain has been drained to save money during the pandemic.

- Original Photo by Susan Liebold/Alamy



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to changing circumstances, while preserving the connections that are vital to our children and our community.”

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Sidewalk and concrete repairs have ended along Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, with the help of a Community Development Block Grant, obtained through a cooperation agreement from the county. Highway User Funds (HUF) are in process but have not been received as yet. Sterling looks to a staff meeting in September or October where they will assess available revenues, saying it “makes sense” that most of such money would be spent on road improvement. Assistant City Manager David Moran stated that HUF funds can be used for a variety of general operating costs around streets.

Asbestos removal from windows is underway at the Community Center, to be followed by new glass, re-glazing and painting. Once complete, restoration work will be done on the bas-reliefs and the Mother and Child statue at Roosevelt Center, for which staff and Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald are reviewing proposals. Sterling said he was anticipating a 6- to 8-week job.

CARES projects include installing sneeze guards and access control in all public buildings, a renovation of the Police Department’s roll-call room with social distancing, and storefront safety improvements at the Youth Center.

New city signage is in process, with three vendors each, for pole-mounted signs and the Southway Gateway sign in consideration.

In regard to the redesign and greening of the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park, the city has already received a Prince George’s County Stormwater Stewardship Grant for \$187,700, which is managed by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Said Hruby in a separate interview, “The city recently received its final approvals from the county and is preparing to release a request for proposals within the next week or so.”

Hruby went on to say that a lot was accomplished on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) trail that would link the Greenbelt Station development to the Greenbelt Metro station, even though the process has undergone a setback

of a few months due to the pandemic. Some of these achievements are a submitted electrical design to Pepco, a resubmitted stormwater management plan to the county and a preliminary photographic lane study to WMATA. To date, \$250,000 has been spent on engineering services. Estimated construction costs are \$2.4 million.

The Dog Park is on the verge of reopening as soon as council agrees on a new set of safety rules.

Council discussed reopening the Greenbrook trails project, which would connect Greenbrook Village and Estates to Schrom Hills Park. Councilmember Ed Putens said that project has languished for nearly 20 years. Moran said that this project was yet another one deferred due to the pandemic.

Councilmember Judith Davis expressed grave concern about the most recent plan for construction of the proposed maglev train path. It would end up impinging greatly on the Forest Preserve and the nearby Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. All involved were upset that neither council nor staff was privy to these discussions. Legal assistance was suggested to counter it, with Davis sure that such aid would not be free and would require funds, and Councilmember Rodney Roberts sure that legal aid is likely in some manner. City attorney Todd Pounds was eager to assist as well, feeling that there may be ways to protect the Preserve. Davis and Roberts were strongly in favor of working to prevent the train path from being built, with Councilmember Leta Mach stressing that it posed a security threat due to its proximity to the National Security Agency (NSA) up near MD-32. (see article, page 1)

The meeting concluded with an update from Davenport on their efforts to secure refinancing of two for the city’s existing debt bonds, from 2011 and 2013, respectively, with the firm soliciting bids from banks. That topic, and the council’s August 3 meeting to make a final decision, will be covered in a separate article in a later paper.

My Perspective

Am I Married to Greenbelt?

by Robin Olson

I first moved to Greenbelt in 1975. Rented an apartment across from Roosevelt Center, later married and lived in two different GHI homes until settling in a single-family house in 1985. My dad used to say, “I don’t know why you are married to Greenbelt!” He wanted me to move near him in Baltimore. I understand that now that my son is in Florida and I wish he were closer by.

Greenbelt is where everyone knows your face even if they cannot remember your name. We would cross paths at the Co-op, pool, movie theater, library, Community Center and just hanging around Roosevelt Center.

For us seniors, Greenbelt has always taken good care of us. The Community Center game room had mahjong, Scrabble, pinochle and bridge. The Golden Age Club met every Wednesday for speakers, potluck birthday celebrations, Bingo and tea. SAGE classes kept our bodies and minds active with exercise classes and interesting classes, like Spanish, meditation, music and history. And there was always a full house at the Senior Nutrition lunch every weekday. Greenbelt had in-city transportation so you could always get there and back, even though anyone would give you a ride.

I heard on the news that my friends and I were elderly! How can that be? We maintain our homes, are busy everyday volunteering or enjoying the amenities listed above and are active in our houses of worship. All right, granted we are over 60 and on medication for something and may use a cane but we are upright, ambulatory and on the go! Then the virus hit and we were at higher risk and needed to be more reclusive and careful. We worked hard to have a life outside our homes and maintain contact with others and, poof, those social lifelines were gone.

I sent an email to the Golden Agers asking them what they

learned to do differently during this time. Here are some of their answers:

- Participated via Zoom in International Folk Dance sessions
- Did conference calls and Facetimed with family and friends
- Played mahjong against an unforgiving computer to hone my skills
- Attended religious services via Facebook live or via Zoom
- Did online exercise, yoga and meditation programs
- Received groceries from a delivery service
- Read books on Kindle

Today, I went to the Farmers Market and the Co-op. Wore my face mask and practiced six-foot distancing. Great to see some people I have not seen in a while and the fabulous friendly workers at the Co-op who always brighten my day. Public Works keeps our city clean and beautifully landscaped. We have had to adapt, but the love and caring is still here and I can see the smiles in others’ eyes behind their masks. Greenbelt is the longest and best relationship I have ever had. So, that is why I am still married to Greenbelt.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police . Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft
July 22, at 9324 Edmonston Road, an unknown person removed property from a parcel left at the front stoop of a residence.

On July 26, at 5:38 p.m., the victim advised that she accidentally left her purse at the Safeway at 7595 Greenbelt Road. Credit cards in the wallet were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

On July 27, at 4:07 p.m., unknown person(s) took a pair of headphones left unattended at the Laundro-Land Laundromat at 6000 Greenbelt Road.

On July 28, at 12:20 p.m., theft was reported in the 8200 block Miner Street. Unknown person(s) took a parcel from the front stoop of a residence.

On July 28, at 6 a.m., it was reported that unknown person(s) took a wheelchair from a hallway of the condominium building at 6640 Lake Park Drive.

Suspicious Person
On July 23 at 10 p.m., at 5925 Cherrywood Terrace, a suspicious person was reported. The victim advised that she went outside to take out the trash and was approached by the suspect, who asked her to expose herself to him. The victim ran from the scene. The suspect is described as an unknown male, 6'0", dressed in all black, no further description available.

Fraud
On July 24, 10 a.m., at 6000 block Greenbelt Road, fraud was reported. The victim received a phone call from an unknown subject demanding money or the victim would be arrested. The victim then transferred money from his bank account to an out of country entity.

On July 24, 12:58 p.m., a resident of 8150 Lakecrest Drive advised that she was contacted by an unknown subject stating she was working for a cash phone app company and convinced the victim to supply her account info. The suspect then removed money

from the victim's account.

Vandalism
July 23, at 9:25 a.m., on the 14 court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) used possibly a BB gun to damage a window of a residence.

On July 25, at 5:27 p.m., vandalism was reported at the Northway Field. Unknown person(s) tampered with doorknob assembly of the observatory building.

Vehicle Crime
On July 24, at 7480 Greenway Center Drive, a blue 2019 Honda Accord 4-door, Massachusetts tag 1DFC88, was stolen.

On July 25, two automobiles were stolen: at 7708 Hanover Parkway, a black 2018 Honda Pilot SUV, Maryland tags ISMAEL; at 10 Parkway, a blue 2019 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 7EC7864.

On July 25, at 7200 Hanover Drive, unknown person(s) removed the rear taillight assembly of a truck.

On July 26, at 5819 Cherrywood Lane, unknown person(s) slashed four tires on a vehicle.

Also on July 26, in the area of Mandan Road and Ora Glen Drive, unknown person(s) removed money and personal documents from an unlocked vehicle.

On July 27, at 5506 Cherrywood Lane, a 2020 grey Chevy Camaro Bearing MD registration 6EE5674 was stolen.

On July 27, at 6460 Capitol Drive, four hubcaps were taken from a vehicle.

Suspicious Death
On Saturday, August 1 at approximately 8:17 a.m., officers responded to a citizen's report of a man down on the side of the road on the ramp from westbound Greenbelt Road onto northbound Kenilworth Avenue. Officers then located an unresponsive adult male who was pronounced deceased on the scene by ambulance personnel. Investigation continues.



Prince George's County Council Chair and District 4 representative Todd Turner (left) is joined, from left, by Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers, City Councilmember Judith Davis and Lt. Ronald Joyner at the "Lunch for Heroes" distribution with the Greenbelt Police Department in partnership with In Reach and Panera Bread to say thank you to our first responders.



Vijay Parameshwaran created this chalk artistry, now washed away by Isaias, for the 75th Anniversary commemoration of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



On these hot days, Snarf says it is important to stay hydrated.



ELECTION

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early voting. One explanation he wanted was why the applications for mail ballots had not already been sent out to registered voters.

In short, what in some quarters has been dubbed the "all of the above" approach to voting methods provides an abundance of choices for voters and maximizes access, but according to the state board and local governments, it does so at a prohibitive cost, with little likelihood of meeting staffing needs for election judges and a greater likelihood of placing election workers and voters – especially older ones – at risk of exposure to the coronavirus.

A number of counties, including Prince George's, have announced that they would likely need to dramatically reduce, not expand, the number of in-person polling places due to an inability to recruit election workers.

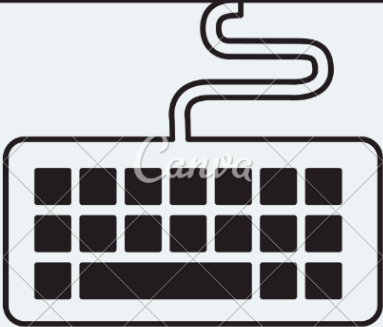
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Sports

Profiles of Soccer Excellence at ERHS:
Seniors Mia Benitez, Gloria Rodriguez

by Mykenna Maneice

With seven consecutive county championships and three straight region championships, it's easy to see that the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Girls Varsity Soccer team demands excellence from its players. They must be strong, skilled and dedicated student athletes, so it's no wonder that only a handful of freshmen are selected each year. In the fall of 2017, those freshmen were Mia Benitez and Gloria Rodriguez. Now, as seniors, the two are poised and reflective as they look ahead to a final season that's been plagued by a global pandemic nobody could have anticipated.

Benitez said, "COVID-19 has left our senior season up in the air and it's tough not knowing for sure if we'll be able to play one last time for our high school." The team is facing major changes this year due to 11 graduated seniors and the retirement of head coach Bob Sowers. Though these differences may seem daunting, Benitez was excited to see what would happen.

Even with all the uncertainty surrounding this season, both Benitez and Rodriguez have a clear message for their teammates: positivity is key. Rodriguez explained, "I think it's all about staying optimistic. [Whatever] amount of season we get it's important to make the most of it and show the younger girls that you have your morale up despite everything." Benitez echoed this sentiment stating, "It's about trying to keep people active and at least trying to have some sense of togetherness since we really can't connect on the field."

The State of Maryland recently decided that all fall sports will be postponed with hopes of playing in the spring. This requires cooperation from each sporting team and extreme flexibility from the athletes. Luckily, three years on varsity has taught Rodriguez exactly that: "I learned a lot about patience and not getting stressed about things I can't control."

Meanwhile, Benitez took time to reflect on her experiences with the team stating, "I was able to meet and get to know a lot of great people. Sometimes I



Rising senior Gloria Rodriguez passes to teammate Sophie Swart as the Raiders compete against the Bowie Bulldogs last fall.

wouldn't get to play a lot but I did learn and try out a bunch of positions ... Overall, I've enjoyed these three years and I'm going to miss them."

One of the defining aspects of ERHS soccer is the community each player is welcomed into from the moment tryouts begin. There's a true sense of family and a want for everyone to succeed, including future players. To put it simply, Benitez says it best: Roosevelt soccer is "more than just a team." Rodriguez agreed, recalling how the field always offered her refuge and a sense of peace. "You could just go and play soccer and be [carefree] despite whatever was going on outside the field," she elaborated.

Looking back to their most memorable moments on varsity, games against Parkdale stood out clearly in each of their minds. Though the specifics of those games are a little fuzzy now, both players agreed they were "intense," with Rodriguez adding that "it was probably the hardest [game] we'd had all season." Hopefully, they'll have a chance

to make new memories as Raiders this spring, but if that doesn't come into fruition, they'd both welcome the opportunity to play in college. "Any type of playing experience" would be valued by Rodriguez; the most important thing is just to continue playing soccer.

Despite the effects of the pandemic looming over their senior season, both players have high hopes for the future of the team, with Benitez stating, "I hope it continues to be an amazing community, and I hope the support for the community grows and is able to compete on the same level with schools from other counties, since that was a bit of

a struggle."

A family always striving to be better. That is what makes ERHS soccer so special and why every player that graduates from this program is a better person than they were before. Benitez and Rodriguez deserve recognition for their leadership and dedication to the school's soccer team no matter whether they ever wear a Columbia blue jersey again.

Mykenna Maneice, a 2019 ERHS graduate, is now a student in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

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To Celebrate Is to Innovate As the New Deal Turns 25

by Johanna Goderre

This was supposed to be a year of celebration for the New Deal Café (NDC), its volunteers and the DC Vegan restaurant operator. The NDC turns 25 this year and had planned a host of activities in addition to an already jam-packed event schedule. The unexpected pivot to online and socially distanced services has, however, created exciting new opportunities. On Saturday, August 8, the Café is co-sponsoring a nine-hour, virtual Phenomenal Womxn Festival (phenomenal-womxn.org/events-1/phenomenal-womxn-festival) full of workshops and live performances. Proceeds will be donated to My Sister's Place to support and empower survivors of domestic violence and their children. By the way, the x in Womxn isn't a typo; it's a spelling change meant to include all female-identifying people.

DC Vegan has launched a new menu and started novel methods to keep employees and customers safe for the new fast-casual dining on the outdoor patio. A team led by volunteer Auction Coordinator Arlene Kaminsky is busy obtaining donations for an online NDC fundraiser auction planned for September 8 to 26.

Innovation and Service

Connecting with the community and offering services during these pandemic times has meant a lot of hard work and a willingness to try new things. Kaminsky's background in fundraising and local news provided a wide network of contacts to ask for auction donations. One of her volunteers has also been using Instagram to contact businesses across the country for donations. The auction will include local specials like music lessons from musicians who play at the Café, a limited-edition Beatles collector's box and a private wine class from Total Wine. Donations from farther afield include designer blankets and a futuristic electronic device – a second monitor that slides onto any laptop.

NDC volunteer Music Coordinator Amethyst Dwyer and Treasurer Dorian Winterfeld continue to organize and find new revenue sources. Faced with an overwhelmed federal website, Dwyer spent nearly 10 hours pressing the submit button over and over before completing a successful federal loan application for the NDC. Dwyer and Winterfeld have been writing and winning grant awards from Prince George's County and the State of Maryland. They admitted, "It is a scary thing to not know when things will return to normal. It's hard to imagine Greenbelt without the Café and it's frightening to see venues and restaurants closing permanently." They see grants, loans, the auction and other fundraisers as a way to maintain solvency in a time of uncertainty.

Patio Service Begins

DC Vegan co-owner Michael Moon said staff are mainly concerned about safety while offering a relaxing respite to customers. Moon said the first day of patio service on Friday, July 31, was awesome – the result of months of planning and close scrutiny by Prince George's County and the



Signage details the many safety precautions being taken at the newly reopened New Deal Café.

City of Greenbelt. "The trickiest part is that things change so fast, even the guidelines. What we have in place today might not be relevant or enough next week." Moon worked with staff to redesign the kitchen so everyone could be distanced from each other while working and occupying the interior so customers can wait in line at a safe distance. They implemented cashless online ordering and created a new menu specialized for takeout and seated dining.

Hungry customers will get a sealed package with everything they need to enjoy a beer with their cheesy jalapeño tater tots, soft pretzel bites, provolone mushroom burger and Italian ice dessert. "It is good to be of service and have folks come out," Moon added. "I heard from people this was the first time they'd seen anyone or left their house in three months." He wants to create

a fun place with good music and comfort food so Greenbelters and others have at least one meal that feels normal again.

Financial Pressures

The financial pressures for the NDC and DC Vegan remain a significant concern. Neither organization is generating a lot of income and both have been forced to lay off many employees. When asked what they would say the first day they could reopen the doors with full service again, both Dwyer and Moon enthusiastically offered, "Welcome home!" Open arms, good wishes and the red carpet will be ready for every patron.

For now, the best thing to do is to follow Dwyer and Moon's positive leadership. Reframe people's thinking about what's possible. Supporting local businesses now means they will survive to thrive in Greenbelt after this storm is weathered.



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